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SUBJ: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES RESEARCH ON PHILIPPINE
SITUATION

1. GEORGE PEABODY OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
ADVISES THAT MISS PATRICIA DUTCHER OF THE CORPORATE
RESEARCH GROUP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WILL
BE ARRIVING IN MANILA VIA PAL FLIGHT ON THURSDAY MORNING
AUG 9. SHE WILL BE IN THE PHILIPPINES UNTIL AUG 23 TO
COMPLETE A REPORT FOR THE PHILIPPINE ACTION COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WHICH IS DUE ON
SEPTEMBER 1.

2. PEABODY SUGGESTS THAT ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ARNOLD MAY
WISH TO INVITE MISS DUTCHER TO CONSULT WITH HIM, SHOULD
SHE SO DESIRE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF HER
REPORT. ACCORDING TO PEABODY, THE PHILIPPINE ACTION
COMMITTEE (A GROUP INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ANTI-MARCOS
JESUITS) ANTICIPATES THAT THE REPORT WOULD SERVE TO
DEMONSTRATE THAT U.S. BUSINESS FIRMS WERE BEHIND THE
INSTIGATION OF MARTIAL LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES, HAVE BEEN
PROFITING FROM IT, AND HAVE PRESSURED THE STATE DEPT
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TO MAINTAIN A NEUTRAL POSITION.

3. PEABODY INFORMS EA/PHL THAT MISS DUTCHER IS GOING TO THE PHILIPPINES IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM

PHIL AGRICULTURE SECRETARY TANCO, WHO HOPES THAT HER VISIT WILL ENABLE HER TO CORRECT THE REPORTED MISIMPRESSIONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ACTION COMMITTEE AND TO PROVIDE IN HER REPORT AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION AS IT DEVELOPED.

4. PEABODY DESCRIBES MISS DUTCHER AS BEING INTELLIGENT AND NON-EXCITABLE. HE HAS GIVEN HER THE NAMES OF AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS IN MANILA AND ALSO A NOTE TO MISS BETH DAY. ROGERS

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